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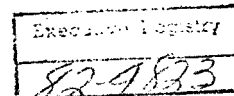
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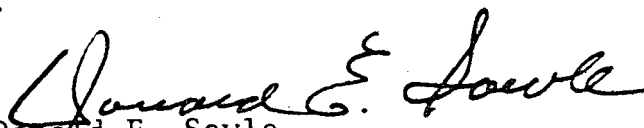
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MEMORANDUM TO HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES
AND TO OFPP AGENCY AND DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS

SUBJECT: Procurement of Architect-Engineer Services

My memorandum of January 18, 1982, copy attached, was issued to clarify existing policy with respect to procurement of professional A-E services pursuant to the procedures of the Brooks Act (P.L. 92-582). Since issuance of the memorandum, a number of comments and questions have been received which indicate the need for additional guidance in this area. Accordingly, I request that any changes in agency and departmental procurement regulations resulting from the January 18 memorandum be held in abeyance until further information is developed to clarify this matter. In this regard, Federal agencies and other parties interested in the procurement of A-E services are invited to submit comments concerning the application of the Brooks Act and my January 18, 1982 memorandum. Comments should be submitted to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, attention Mr. Charles Clark by June 30, 1982.


Donald E. Sowle
Administrator

Attachment

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A recent review of the synopses appearing in Section R of the Commerce Business Daily (the Architect-Engineer section) indicates that several agencies are using the Public Law 92-582 (Brooks Bill) process to procure professional services other than professional architect-engineer services.

The statutory definition of professional architect-engineer services contained in Public Law 92-582 has been further defined in Comptroller General Decision B-184770 of March 9, 1977, as those services that generally require performance by a licensed architect or engineer and which concern Federal construction and related programs such as alterations and renovation projects. The use of the Public Law 92-582 procurement process should be limited to those services meeting the Comptroller General's definition. Such services normally involve or are incident to the preparation or submission of designs, plans, drawings or specifications for construction projects.

Services performed by architects or engineers other than those defined in the Comptroller General's decision as "professional architect-engineer services" should be procured pursuant to standard procurement procedures; i.e., price should be considered in the selection process. The amount or degree of consideration given to price in the selection process will, of course, vary depending on the nature of the procurement and should be clearly specified in the selection and evaluation criteria formulated by the contracting officer.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald E. Sowle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "S".

Donald E. Sowle
Administrator